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FAIRBANKS IS NOW IN WEST VIRGINIA

The Republican Candidate For Vice President Is Spending To-Day In Mr. Dayton's District--Will Reach Parkersburg To-Night.

ALL ABOARD FOR THE BIG MEETING TO-MORROW

GREAT CROWDS OF PEOPLE WILL MEET THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR AT MANY POINTS ALONG THE ROAD.

TO-MORROW THOUSANDS OF THE FAITHFUL WILL GREET THE TALL INDIAN ON THE BANKS OF THE OHIO.

THE GIRL WIFE WEPT

THE COURT-HOUSE AND THE COUNTY JAIL BRING FORTH MANY SORROWFUL TALES OF WEAK HUMANITY.

Two girls languished in our county jail last night, and wept their hearts out from fear and remorse this morning. One of the girls is seventeen years old and married. Her name before her marriage was Sarah Burdine and she lived with her parents in Mannington. She married last April a good for nothing man by the name of Taylor who worked for a few days in a restaurant here, but work is an exception to his rule and he manages to exist in much the same manner as the parasite. The girl-wife's sister claims that she was a respectable girl up until the time when she married Taylor and he took her to live among disreputable people. Last July they separated and since that time she has gained more or less notoriety. There has been a warrant out for her arrest for several weeks, because of some scrape she and two other girls were caught in out about the fair grounds.

Yesterday a man by the name of Yost, from New England, came to this city and reported that the Taylor girl, who had been visiting her sister in his town, had coaxed his daughter Lillie, aged 13, to run away, and he asked assistance in helping find her. He also accused one Chauncey Ashby with being implicated in her abduction, if such it could be termed.

Ashby was arrested and after some time gave information that led Constable Letcher Jones to go to Catawba, where he found the girls, who had learned from friends that they were pursued, and were endeavoring to elude him by making rapid tracks up the railroad. He overtook them, however, and brought them back to town, arriving here at three o'clock this morning and placed both girls in a cell in the county jail. Mr. Yost and two older daughters were in the city early this morning and a most affecting scene occurred at the jail when they saw their wayward sister. The girl is very large for her age and is undoubtedly influenced in a great degree by her companion. Her father has signified his entire willingness to turn her over to the Humane Society who will place her in the Home of the Good Shepherd in Wheeling. The girl claims to be willing and anxious to go if they will just take her out of jail. The older girl will probably be held on the old warrant and as she is beyond the age limit, the Humane Society can do nothing for her, except insure her a reception in the Home, should the county officials see fit to send her there.

She says she wants to go and promises to reform if they will only take her there. She cried in a heart broken manner when the officers of the Society told the Yost girl they would remove her but did not have jurisdiction over her companion.

The Yost girl will probably be taken to Wheeling to-morrow, and when Sheriff Jolliff returns from Mt. Lake Park to-day, investigation will be made as to the seriousness of the charge on which the Taylor girl is held, and they will see if arrangements can not be made to send her also.

The family of the Yost girl are grief-stricken over the way Lillie has acted, and they think that the Home is doubtless the best place for her. The sisters who came to see her this morning are very nice looking girls, and are much humiliated over the affair.

When questioned as to why they went to Catawba last evening, the Yost girl said they were to meet two men there. The Taylor girl denied this and asked who they were to meet; the other girl said, "you know, two men from New England; but if you don't want to tell, all right." The older girl evidently did not want to tell, and gave the younger one to understand that it would be better if she did not.



Miss Democracy: "I'm terribly fond of the judge; but, honest, I can't work up any violent fits of rapture over grandpa." —Chicago Daily Tribune.

LOOKOUT FOR FALSEHOODS

ALMOST ANYTHING IS LIKELY TO GO OVER THE WIRES THESE DAYS FROM CERTAIN SOURCES.

A local paper which delights in false and sensational stories and revels in anything calculated to damage the Republican cause copied a dispatch from the Wheeling Register bearing a Huntington date line to the effect that the railway employees had denounced most of the candidates on the Republican State ticket.

A prominent Republican from Fairmont was named in the dispatch as an officer of the organization and his friends wondered why he would be mixed up in that sort of denouncing business. Late last evening a special dispatch from the

State committee at Parkersburg stated that the whole story is false. The message is as follows:

Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 15. Fairmont West Virginian:

Please deny dispatch under Huntington date line concerning the report that the order of railway employees took action against Clark May and the Republican ticket. There is absolutely no truth in this report and you may denounce it as a Democratic canard out of the whole cloth. At the meeting in question there was some discussion of candidates, especially the Democratic candidate for Governor, but no action was taken against anybody. The State committee asks you to deny the whole falsehood at once in the most emphatic manner.

THE FARMERS AT TRACTION PARK

ABOUT 150 TILLERS OF THE SOIL ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES TO-DAY.

The Marion county Grange picnic at Traction Park to-day was attended by about 150 persons. This morning Mrs. M. M. Holbert addressed the meeting on woman's suffrage. At noon the contents of numerous baskets were heartily enjoyed and then Mr. R. T. Manley, one of the prominent Marion county farmers, introduced National Grange President Aaron Jones, whose talk will likely consume the entire afternoon, although Professor T. C. Atkeson may say a few words. Mr. Jones has held his present office since July 1, 1904, and during the interval has visited Grange meetings in Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and other States. The picnic to-day should have attracted many more agriculturists, but when it is known that this is the first affair of the kind in twenty-five years, the reason is readily apparent. A similar meeting will occur on Plum run in the near future.

John Pride, an old patron of the West Virginian and a stalwart Republican of Winfield district, is in the city to-day and favored us with a business call. Mr. Pride does not come to the city very often, as he is a busy farmer, but when he does come he generally calls on the West Virginian.

To Be Sent to Wheeling. A baby will be sent up from Morgantown by the Humane Society of that city, to be taken to Wheeling with four or five others who will accompany Mr. Sample to that city to-morrow.

PATRIOTISM RUNS HIGH AMONG THE BOYS IN BLUE

THE REUNION OF THE OLD SOLDIERS IS PROVING A MOST ENJOYABLE EVENT.

THE PUBLIC EXERCISES HAVE BEEN VERY INTERESTING—MANY VETERANS WILL LEAVE TO-DAY.

Surely a more joyous and happy crowd than the veterans of the great Civil war cannot be found. To see them in their handshaking and to hear them speak of the '60s is enough to stir the patriotism in the hearts of the least enthusiastic. Even the young boys who have been around among the comrades during the present reunion have caught of the enthusiasm. No one who has been present can ever doubt their loyalty to the old flag and we can do no better than follow them in our devotion to its blood bought folds.

Yesterday afternoon at the G. A. R. Hall, on Monroe street, Company F, Twelfth West Virginia Infantry, met. This is Captain Prichard's company and, although he has insisted that another member be elected to the command at the annual reunions, none of the members will harbor the idea of taking the command which he showed he rightly deserved by his work on the field. Duncan Cunningham was chosen first lieutenant; John W. Mercer, second lieutenant, and R. E. Harr, secretary and treasurer. No time was set for the reunion next year, this being left to the pleasure of the commanding officer. Of this company, formerly composed of 118 members, fifty-two are yet living and thirty were present at the meeting. The meeting will likely be held in this city again next year at the same time of the reunion of Maulsby's Battery.

The members of Maulsby's Battery met in the Grand Opera House and elected officers for the ensuing year. This is another case where the comrades will not deprive Captain T. A. Maulsby of the leadership, and he was re-elected commander. Madison Carter was elected senior vice-commander; T. N. Swisher, junior vice-commander; John W. Mason, adjutant; John W. Millan, quartermaster, and J. Engle, chaplain. Next year the reunion of this battery will be held in this city in September. A large representation was present at the meeting. Of 185 men mustered into the service about ninety are still living.

At 4 o'clock all the soldiers and many other people gathered at the Grand Opera House, where the keys of the city were to be turned over. Colonel R. E. Harr presided at the session for the Marion County Association and, after the singing of "America" and prayer by Chaplain J. N. Devore, introduced Mayor G. W. Kinsey, who welcomed the soldiers to our city. Mayor Kinsey spoke of the lesson in good citizenship taught by the G. A. R. He said that "a man who is not an American may keep the law, but no one who does not keep the law is a good American." He told them of the many good things our city had to offer them and that they were to take the best. "Eat all you want, and drink all you want as long as you don't drink anything but water." He warned them that the young people watched the example set by them, and that they could not be too careful. "Take in the city, but be careful that the city does not take you in."

Colonel T. N. Swisher responded in a short address, in which he spoke of the appreciation of the welcome offered and ended by assigning one-half of the visiting comrades to the care of the Mayor and the other half to Clerk Engle.

Adjutant Engle's report of the third reunion, held in this city last year, was read and adopted.

Captain J. W. Shroyer, one of the members of the committee for the selection of officers for the county organization for the coming year, made the following report, which was adopted and the officers declared elected: A. N. Prichard, colonel; E. A. Billingslea, lieutenant colonel; David O. Carpenter, major; J. Engle, adjutant; J. N. Devore, chaplain, and J. W. Shroyer, quartermaster. The following are the captains of the districts: Fairmont, M. P. Wells; Pawpaw, T. W. Hibbs; Lincoln, John F. Jamison; Man-

nington, A. F. Hamilton; Union, Morgan D. Orr; Winfield, Thomas N. Swisher, and Grant, James R. Hartley. After an explanation by several members that, while this is a reunion of the old soldiers of Marion county, all soldiers were invited and are welcome to take part. "Marching Thro' Georgia" was sung and the meeting adjourned with prayer by the chaplain.

The evening entertainment began shortly after 7:30 o'clock at the Grand Opera House. Arrangements had been made for the soldiers' own band to furnish the music, but this was a disappointment, as the musicians did not appear. An attempt was made to secure Professor Atherton's orchestra and he would gladly have accommodated them, but his men were scattered and there were not more than a very few minutes to get ready. The consequence was that no instrumental music was given. Miss A. M. Toothman recited "Why He Didn't Sell the Farm" in a most pleasing manner. The rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Miss Hazel Cunningham and of the funny Irish song, "Clancy's Trotter," by Harry Engle, were features of the programme.

Then came the stories from the comrades. Adjutant Engle was the leader and narrated Col. T. N. Swisher, who spoke of his belief that our flag—the emblem of liberty—is upheld by the eternal throne of Justice. He then told of many hard experiences.

The good natured and happy J. N. Devore followed with several good jokes. He told how he hid behind an elder no thicker than his thumb at Winchester. He recalled to the minds of the audience that within a few days after Lee's surrender the English newspapers came out with the following headlines: "The Boasted Republic—Great Will Take His Army and Make Himself Emperor." He told of a Confederate's view of Sherman. The Johnnie said that Sherman would take it easy upon a hill and shout, "Attention, creation! My kingdom's right wheel, march!"

Captain J. W. Shroyer then talked. He denied the accusation that soldiers were chicken thieves. He said that in his service as captain of four different companies and as adjutant he never "caught" a single man stealing a chicken. The captain did not say whether he ever had to close his eyes to keep from seeing one or not. He then took up the battle of Carter's farm, where two batteries and about 1,200 men beat 6,000 Confederates. He said that the rebels must have been scared, but some one in the audience said that Maulsby's battery was there. At any rate, they won.

Many other comrades were ready to speak and the audience was ready to listen half the night, but it was thought best to adjourn, as the soldiers all wanted to get out early to get ready for the parade this morning. To illustrate that the members of the G. A. R. are followers of the Master, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Engle, after which a general hand-shaking took place.

The maneuvers of the G. A. R. this morning began with the bombardment of the city from the West Fairmont hill. Scouts went out and located the enemy and when the long roll was sounded there was a great hustle on the part of the old soldiers to get into line. The line was formed on Jefferson street, with its right on Jackson. The men marched down Jackson, up Barney to Main, where the parade was formed. Captains Maulsby, Swisher and Engle, who were mounted, led. Captain Shroyer was in command of the parade. Following the mounted officers came Watts' drum corps, Gooch Post, of Rymer, Mead Post, of this city, many visiting soldiers, the Winfield drum corps and the pupils and teachers of the South Side school. They marched up Main to Quincey, then to Jackson, out Madison to Main and back to the Courthouse square. The parade was one of the grandest seen in this city for several years. The voices of old and young America mingled in the shouts of gladness. Yet, while hun-

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HIGGINS THE NOMINEE

NEW YORK REPUBLICANS NOMINATE A STRONG TICKET ADMIT GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 16.—The Republican State convention adjourned at 230 p. m. yesterday after nominating the following ticket for State officers:

For Governor—Frank W. Higgins, of Cattaraugus.

For Lieutenant Governor—M. Linn Bruce, of New York.

For Secretary of State—John F. O'Brien, of Clinton.

For Attorney General—Julius M. Mayor, of New York.

For Comptroller—Otto Kelsey, of Livingston.

For Treasurer—John C. Willmeyer, of Erie.

For State Engineer and Surveyor—Henry A. Van Alstyne, of Columbia.

For Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals—Edgar M. Cullen (Democrat), of Kings.

For Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals—William M. Worner, of Monroe.

Woodruff Withdrew.

The unanimous vote of the convention in the nomination of Lieutenant Governor Frank W. Higgins for Governor was made possible by the withdrawal of former Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff at the very last moment, as the convention was preparing for the roll call, called for by the resolution of the Kings county delegation. It was only when, as he himself said, it became "obvious to his practiced ear," that the convention was almost solidly against him, after his name had been placed in nomination in a speech by William Prendergast, of Brooklyn, in which the management of the Higgins campaign was bitterly attacked, that Mr. Woodruff took the platform, withdrew his name from further consideration, moved that the nomination of Lieutenant Governor Higgins be made unanimous and pledged the fullest support of himself and his (Kings) county forces in aid of the ticket about to be nominated. There was no contest whatever over any other place upon the ticket.